

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 574

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Miss Elizabeth Jane Chedester upon being crowned Miss Knoxville 2000.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their personal efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, through their endeavors, these individuals are credits to their respective families, communities and to this state; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative person is Elizabeth Jane Chedester, who was recently crowned "Miss Knoxville 2000"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to receiving this prestigious title, Elizabeth Jane was awarded a \$500 scholarship, a Miss America crown, a dozen red roses, photographer fee for pictures required by the state only, orchestration fee if she decides to use the orchestra in the Miss Tennessee pageant, opening number gown required by the state pageant, and gas, lodging, and a meal ticket for the Miss Tennessee pageant; and

WHEREAS, at the Miss Knoxville pageant, Miss Chedester beat several other girls in the areas of talent, interview, swimsuit, and evening wear; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Jane Chedester will compete against many girls from across the state in the Miss Tennessee pageant in June; from there, the winner will go on to compete in the Miss America pageant, the largest scholarship program in the world; and

WHEREAS, if selected as Miss Tennessee, Elizabeth Jane would win approximately \$108,000 in scholarship prizes; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Jane's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being crowned Miss Knoxville 2000, Miss Chedester served as a Miss Tennessee America delegate in 2000 and was fourth runner-up for Miss Tennessee Teen USA 2000; and

WHEREAS, aside from the hectic schedule that she maintains as Miss Knoxville, Elizabeth Jane is also highly involved at her school, The Webb School of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, Miss Chedester has achieved exceptional academic success while maintaining a rigorous class schedule which includes, CP English, Trigonometry, East Tennessee History, Pre-Calculus, Honors English I and II, Honors World History, Astronomy, Spanish Conversation and Composition, and Chamber Singers; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Jane Chedester has been extremely active and involved in many extra curricular activities during her high school years, including Ceres Women's Issues Group, Spanish Club, Church Youth Group and Choir, and Asian Awareness Club; and

WHEREAS, Miss Chedester's pursuit of academic excellence was recognized when she was presented with the Spanish Award for Outstanding Achievement in 1997 and the Honors History Award in 1999; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated tremendous leadership abilities and an active interest in politics; when she previously attended Halls High School during her freshman year, Elizabeth Jane was the Vice-President of the Halls High School Young Republicans, and while

at Webb School, she has been involved with Pizza and Politics, in addition to volunteering her time for local campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Jane Chedester has shown her tremendous athletic ability as a varsity member of the field hockey team and as a champion American Saddle Horse rider and shower; she has won numerous awards from The World Championship Horse Show, including Reserve World Champion in 1997 and Top 3 World Champion in 1996. Elizabeth Jane has been recognized in her sport by being recommended and appointed to the American Saddle Horse Association Youth Council for the past two years; and

WHEREAS, she has displayed a dramatic flair in leading roles in community theatre at the Bijou Theatre, church musicals, and in her high school's production of *The Taming of the Shrew*, along with participating in Bijou Theatre acting and dance seminars and an acting seminar given by Ricki G. Maslar, the local casting director of *Twister*; and

WHEREAS, Miss Chedester also possesses extraordinary musical ability, which she perfects each week during her private voice lessons. Her gift is featured at her church, where she sings inspirational solos during Sunday worship services; and

WHEREAS, her singing talent has been recognized at school, as well. Elizabeth Jane is a member of and the 2nd Soprano Section Leader of Webb's prestigious Chamber Singers; she placed first in the nationals with the Webb School Chorus, in addition to making the All-East Tennessee Chorus and All-State Tennessee Chorus; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Jane Chedester's musical gift extends beyond her incredible voice to encompass her beautiful piano ability. After several years of hard work and dedication, she took 2nd place in the Tennessee Music Teachers Association competition in 1995 and enjoys unwinding by listening to and composing her own music; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work at school and her official duties, Elizabeth Jane still finds time to lend her remarkable talents to such notable causes as the Knoxville Area Rescue

Mission, Special Olympics, Empty Stocking Fund, the Florence Crittenton Agency, Clearfork Valley, and Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding; and

WHEREAS, in the future, Elizabeth Jane hopes to pursue a career in medicine, becoming a successful doctor and philanthropist; most importantly, she hopes to become a positive, moral addition to American society as a true servant of God and an independently successful and influential woman; and

WHEREAS, Miss Chedester epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Jane Chedester's display of determination and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Jane Chedester's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Elizabeth Jane for her dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Miss Elizabeth Jane Chedester upon being crowned Miss Knoxville 2000 and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.